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1. US WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO REF. A CASE IF FRENCH CAN PROVIDE COCOM WITH (1) A STATEMENT FROM THE PRC OF SPECIFIC USE TO WHICH THE HELICOPTERS WILL BE PUT, AND (2) AN OFFICIAL PRC ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL BE PUT ONLY TO CIVIL END USE. FOR THE PURPOSES OF (1), A STATEMENT ALONG THE LINES OF THAT CONTAINED IN PARA 1 OF REF. C WOULD BE ADEQUATE. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE LOCATIONS AT WHICH THE HELICOPTERS WILL BE STATIONED AND THE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WILL CONTROL AND ADMINISTER THEIR FLIGHTS. THE OFFICIAL US POSITION MUST
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CONTINUE TO BE ONE OF RESERVE UNTIL WE HAVE HAD A CHANCE TO EXAMINE THE ABOVE.

2. VARNOUX IS CORRECT THAT SIKORSKY HAS ALSO INDICATED AN INTEREST IN THIS SALE. HOWEVER, ANY CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO US APPROVAL OF THE FRENCH CASE WOULD APPLY EQUALLY TO APPROVAL OF A LICENSE TO SIKORSKY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THEREFORE THAT ANY DELAY RESULTING FROM THE ABOVE REQUEST WILL RESULT IN FAVORING THE SIKORSKY PROPOSAL. ROGERS

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